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ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. (Read LB 1239-1266 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 317-322.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We are discussing the Chambers amendment, FA815, to LB 259. On with discussion, Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, with the way the amendment reads right now, we would be...a vote of the people would be...have to be taken in order to decide whether they would want to create this tax on a recreational, cultural, entertainment, or concert events that are subject to sales tax under this section, but there are other areas where a tax is also levied by that county, such as on liquor licenses that are outside of a corporate city limit. I think that we are...we're going to have to propose another amendment that limits that only to the section which would be in Section 1, line...line 6 through "events"...no, through the...6 and 7, and ending at the 77-2713 on line 8. We are...my colleagues are working on this amendment right now, and I think that will take care of it. Because we don't want to have the county have to go to a vote of the people to do something that they've been doing for a hundred years or so, which gave them the authority to levy that occupation tax on establishments that have a...a liquor license outside of the county. And there are very...are quite a few of them throughout the state of Nebraska, and this would limit the counties. It would not give them authority to impose this tax on...on those people with the special designated license also. With that, I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, but this is something we have to be concerned about. We don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater here. So, Senator Chambers, you can have the rest of my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Janssen, and I'm going to make good use of this time.